

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the August 27, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 3:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, BJ Northup-Owen, Bob Johnson, Chuck DiTucci Tom O'Loughlin, and Allan Kirby,

Finances:

- There is approximately \$7,300 in the checking account. All contracted work has been done and paid for except two trees that are yet to be planted.
- DEM still owes us \$2000 for America the Beautiful grant
- The Town approved a \$7,500 stipend for the coming year

1. Old Business:

- Tree maintenance
 - Atlantic Lawn and Garden fertilized the cherry trees and were paid.
- Tree planting
 - Paul's garden was planted and paid for.
 - The tree incentive program has slowed down somewhat. Only sixty trees of the 100 budgeted have been purchased. A discussion about publicizing this was undertaken.
 - A list of tree planting locations for next year is in ongoing
- Town Center
 - Still up in the air.

2. New business

- Sam Kinder was asked to look at maintenance for the hornbeams on Wapping Road
- We reviewed the landscaping plans for 5 Hart street and a recommendation was agreed to. Basically, we approved the rear lot plan and requested at least two ornamental trees to be planted in front of the building
- We received an input from the Alice B. Mayer Trust that they will be gifting the Tree Commission their yearly amount of \$2,000 plus an additional \$2,000 for the Town Center project
- Tom informed us that a resident at 316 Compton view would like to donate a tree that is planted in front of his house. We would move the tree and plant same in another location.
- Bob referred us to his email WRT Arbor Day free trees.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary